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Winchester's successful Science Olympiad Club competes at national-level tournaments

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Winchester's Science Olympiad Club recently scored a third-place finish against 70 other teams during a tournament held at Harvard. COURTESY PHOTO/WHS SCIENCE OLYMPIAD CLUB

Winchester's Science Olympiad, like most things, began small. Y
began as a modest club for fun, has grown into something respec

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entire Science Olympiad community throughout the nation.

Every Friday, dedicated Winchester High School students gather for two hours in weekly club meetings, to prepare for their next competition.

Science Olympiad (SciOly) is a nationwide STEM-oriented competition in which teams of 15 students compete in 23 hands-on events across various science disciplines. WHS's SciOly club was founded in 2015 under the supervision of teacher Ipshita Chakladar. Currently, seven dedicated students lead the club toward their success.

"It's amazing to compete and grow alongside a group of students who share a genuine love for science," explains Dylan Yang, a senior at Winchester High School and an officer of the team.

Winchester's Science Olympiad Club recently scored a first-place finish at UMass Amherst. COURTESY PHOTO/WHS SCIENCE OLYMPIAD CLUB

At WHS, the club has 60 dedicated members and continues to grow year-over-year.

The team competes at national-level invitational competitions throughout the year. So far this season, they've attended five at Cornell, MIT, UMass Amherst, and Dartmouth.

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The team's most successful recent performance was at Harvard, where it placed third overall in a competition with 70 teams. In addition, the team placed first overall at UMass Amherst and was looking forward to the Massachusetts State Competition.

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SciOly, the students explain, fosters a unique sense of shared camaraderie forged only by a shared excitement for both collaboration and competition.

"Past its competitive nature, SciOly is truly a collaborative organization," Yang states. "That sense of camaraderie is rare to come by in other competition-based clubs. Teamwork is essential."

For Yang, some of his fondest memories, he says, have been with SciOly.

"It's truly an amazing club that's integral to who I am today," he says. "I'd encourage any science enthusiasts to give it a shot."

Xiyue Eric Han is a student at Winchester High School. He has been an intern with Winchester News since summer 2025.

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Being called to the principal's office usually means trouble. For Lucas Yang, sitting in his principal's office was nerve-racking for a different reason. Sitting there in early December, he learned he had been chosen as one of two Massachusetts students in the U.S. Senate Youth Program. Two

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Science abounds at Winchester's Ambrose School during first in a generation fair

You could blame the Muraco School for the fact that the Ambrose cafeteria became the site of a raucously rambunctious science fair on March 5. "They were the inspiration," said parent volunteer Karen Kinnaman, who spearheaded the event. "They put on a huge science fair every year." Kinnaman said it'

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Winchester resident, Austin Prep student joins 'The Movement Family'

The following was submitted by Austin Preparatory School: Brady McLaren '26, of Winchester, spends his Wednesday nights serving others. The Austin Prep junior, who attends the independent Catholic school in Reading, travels each week with classmates to volunteer with The Movement Family, a grassroots nonprofit founded by Michael Gorman that

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Winchester ZBA waives town regulations to move Washington/Swanton project along

Town officials have approved waivers of regulations for a residential/commercial development project at Washington and Swanton streets. The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) on March 19 approved the waivers for a 40B project at 278-292 Washington St. and 12 and 16-20 Swanton St. in a special meeting preceding a

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Network for Social Justice to celebrate 35th anniversary

The following was submitted by the Network for Social Justice: The Network For Social Justice turns 35 this spring! There will be a celebration on Saturday, April 11, from 7-9:30 p.m., at the Sons of Italy, 117 Swanton St., Winchester. Connect with your local friends and neighbors as

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Winchester Community Music School presents Jazz Jam Session

The following was submitted by the Winchester Community Music School: On Saturday, March 28, join the community at Winchester Community Music School, 407 Highland Ave., for a Jazz Jam Session, an afternoon of fun, spontaneous jazz playing, beginning at 3 p.m. Instrumentalists and vocalists of all skill levels are

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